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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 26, 1890.

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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALDAN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. HENRY & CO., 37, Waterloo, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILSON, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 151, Fleet Street.
PARIS AND EUROPE.—ADEMER PRINCE, 33, Rue Lafayette, Paris.
NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HAFFER, THE CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 52, West 22d Street.
SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS GENERALLY.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORKE, Melbourne and Sydney.
CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE CHAMBERS CO., Colombo.
SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAUNDERS & SONS, Singapore; HENRICKS & CO., Manila.
CHINA.—MACAO, F. A. DE CHUA, Sarao, QUINN & CO., Amoy, N. MOUL, Foochow; HEDGES & CO., Shanghai; LANE, CHAPMAN & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama; LANE, CHAPMAN & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,600,000
NETT LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS:
Chairman, H. L. DAWBER, Esq.;
Deputy Chairman, J. S. MORSE, Esq.;
W. H. DAVIES, Esq.; Hon. A. P. McLEWEN,
H. HORNER, Esq.; S. C. MICHAELSEN,
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ABEL MCNAULIE, D. B. SASSON, Esq.

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Hongkong, T. JACOBSON, Esq.
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LONDON BANKERS.—LINDSAY AND CONYNGTON BANKERS.—LINDSAY AND CONYNGTON BANK.

BONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
A Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum;
" " 6 " " 4 per cent. " "
" " 12 " " 5 per cent. "

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the other Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1. The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2. Sums less than £1, or more than £250 at one time, will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than £2,500 in any one year.

3. Depositors in the Savings Bank having £100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4. Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5. Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6. Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked "On. Hongkong Savings Bank Business" is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7. Withdrawals may be made on demand but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 374

Notices of Firms.

THE TRUST & LOAN COMPANY OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

M. R. DE WESTLEY LAYTON has been appointed General Secretary of the Company's Branch Office in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. FORBES,
Chairman of Hongkong Committee.

Hongkong, May 3, 1890. 375

CRICKSHANK & CO., LIMITED.

M. R. JAMES STEPHEN has been appointed General Manager of the Company's Branch Office from the 1st of June next. Details of his new position to follow.

W. H. CRICKSHANK,
General Manager,
Hongkong, May 23, 1890. 376

DAVIDSON & CO., LIMITED.
A. M. DAVIDSON, General Manager of the Company's Branch Office, Victoria Building, Queen's Road, Hongkong, July 30, 1890.

Intimations.



BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

Wholesale and Retail Druggists.

ANALYTICAL,
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WATERS.

BY STEAM MACHINERY.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DRY PLATES.

Apparatus, Chemicals, and Materials of all kinds used for Amateur and Professional purposes.

at Moderate Prices.

By Order,

A. G. GORDON & CO., LTD.,
Managers.

Hongkong, May 10, 1890. 393

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Our long experience and intimate acquaintance with the Trade, and the best sources of supply, enable us to purchase direct from the Producers on the very best terms, and thus give us an advantage which enables us to offer our constituents the benefit of a considerable reduction in the prices of all our Specials as compared with similar articles sold elsewhere.

we wish it to be clearly understood that our prices cannot be beaten by any other firm in the Colony; and we trust it will soon be evident how much greater quality for quantity, our goods all round compare favourably with local articles and in most instances with those raised at home.

Experienced English Assistants only are employed in the preparation and dispensing of Medicines.

GOODS FOR COAST PORTS.

Whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order. Most articles can now be sent by the local Parcel Post. All retail orders of the value of five dollars and upwards are sent freight or postage paid.

Orders through Local Post or by Telegram receive prompt attention.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
HONGKONG.

BRANCH ESTABLISHMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY, SHANGHAI,
24, Nankin Road.

BOTICA INGLEZA, MANILA,
Escorial, 14.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON,
Canal Road.

THE DISPENSARY, FOOCHOW.

THE DISPENSARY, HANKOW.

THE DISPENSARY, TIENTSIN.

LONDON OFFICE,
106, Fleet Street, E.C.

Hongkong, April 16, 1890. 711

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Hongkong Roads.

ON and after the 1st JUNE next, the LIGHT VESSEL hitherto moored on KELLET'S BAY will be REMOVED.

The depth of water on the Bank has not appreciably changed from what is given on the Admiralty Chart No. 1437.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY,
Adm. Comr., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT, Hongkong, May 10, 1890. 947

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

FOR the purpose of Compiling the Annual Return of Shareholders to the Registrar, the TRUSTEE BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 24th Inst. until TUESDAY, the 27th Inst., both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

T. H. ALEXET,
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 21, 1890. 949

THE TRUST & LOAN COMPANY OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....£1,000,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$240,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

W. M. KEWICK (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.), Chairman.

ADOLPHUS ANDERSON (Messrs. Andra, Mendel & Co.)

EDWARD IVESON (Messrs. Iveson & Co.)

DAVID MCLEAN (Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation).

S. WILLYS FORESBY (Messrs. Russell & Co.)

F. D. SASSON (late Messrs. David Sasson & Sons & Co.)

H. D. STEWART (Messrs. Stewart, Thomson & Co.)

HONGKONG COMMITTEE

W. H. FORBES (Messrs. Russell & Co.)

DE WESTLEY LAYTON, (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.)

HON. J. J. KENNEDY (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.)

HON. C. P. COLQUHOUN

This Company is prepared to make Loans or advances upon all kinds of Goods, and upon Securities, and to transact the business provided for in the Memorandum of Association.

For information concerning the same, apply to

DE WESTLEY LAYTON,

Chairman.

W. H. CRICKSHANK,

General Manager.

Hongkong, May 23, 1890. 955

SAFETY HOME.

A. M. DAVIDSON, General Manager of the Company's Branch Office, Victoria Building, Queen's Road, Hongkong, July 30, 1890.

DE WESTLEY LAYTON,

Chairman.

W. H. CRICKSHANK,

General Manager.

Hongkong, May 23, 1890. 955

NOTICE OF FIRMS.

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W. H. CRICKSHANK & CO., LIMITED.</

THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 8536—MAY 26, 1890.

Mails.

Mails.

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THURSDAY,
the 29th May.

GRAND COMPLIMENTARY
BENEFIT
tendered by
HONGKONG AMATEURS
to the
LADIES OF HUDSON'S SURPRISE
PARTY.

PRICES..... As usual.

Seats may be booked at KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

Full Particulars will be shortly announced.

Hongkong, May 24, 1890. 950

Business Notices.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

(LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COY., LTD.)

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HAVE NOW AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK

OF

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S

"RAIN COATS,"

"UMBRELLAS," "OVER-SHOES," &c.

FOR GOODS SENT ON APPROVAL

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HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

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Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Electra, Capt. P. Müller, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signing by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods, from thence.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON To-morrow, the 22nd Instant.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be loaded into the Godowns of the Hongkong, Kowloon, Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th Inst. will be subject to rent.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th Inst., at 4 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 21, 1890. 938

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,

MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,

PORT SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND

BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,

MARSEILLE, AND PORTS

OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ADRI.

LONDON, BAYRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON THURSDAY, the 5th June,

1890, at Noon, the Company's S.S.

SAGHARIN, Commandant Homery,

with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,

AND CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 4th June, 1890. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contencts and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, May 23, 1890. 954

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London

EX S.S. CAMBRIDGE and MANCHESTER,

HARVEY ex S.S. FREDERIC MOREL, in

connection with the above Steamer, are hereby

informed that their Goods are being landed

at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

intimation is received from the Consignee

before 1 p.m. To-day (Wednesday), requesting

it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 22, 1890. 944

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ADRI.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,

BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,

GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

ADRI.

THE STEAMSHIP GAZELLE will be

despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 14th

June, at 1 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All Parcels should be marked to

the Company's Office, until 3 p.m. the

day previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:

To San Francisco \$225.00

To San Francisco and return 393.75

available for 6 months.

To Liverpool 325.00

To London 330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates.

Special reduced rates granted to

Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service,

and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo

destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further particulars, apply to the

Company's Office, San Francisco.

First-class Fares granted as follows:

To Vancouver & Victoria (Mer.) \$210.00

To Montreal, New York, &c. 290.00

To Liverpool 323.00

To London 330.00

To other European points at proportionate rates.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW
Shipping.
10 a.m.—*Aglia* leaves for Hamburg, &c.
11 a.m.—*Mendaus* leaves for Sh'ai, &c.
Noon.—*Yueheng* leaves for Singapore, Peking and Calcutta.
4 p.m.—*Meander* leaves for Sydney, &c.
Lennox leaves for Japan.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, May 26.—
11 a.m.—Tenders for Government Bills received by the Chief Paymaster.
Goods per Steamer *Caledonia* undelivered after Noon subject to rent.
Goods per *Electra* undelivered after this date, subject to rent.
THURSDAY, May 29.—
Goods per *Olenalloch* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.
FRIDAY, May 31.—
No.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.
Noon.—Meeting of Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin at Registered Office in Victoria Buildings.
2 p.m.—Auction of Sundries, at Mr. J. M. Armstrong's.
3.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at the Residence of Mr. H. L. Denney, at "Brockhurst" the Peak.
3.30 p.m.—Committee of the Hongkong Rifle Association.
MONDAY, June 2.—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

BY APPOINTMENT
A. S. WATSON & COMPANY, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

**MANUFACTURERS OF
AERATED WATERS.**

OUR AERATED WATER MANUFACTORY
is replete with the best Machinery, embodying all the latest improvements in the trade.

THE greatest attention has been paid to the appliances for ensuring purity in the water supply, to secure which we have added a Condenser capable of supplying us with 3,000 gallons of distilled water a day, and are now in a position to compete in quality with the best English Makers. Our Sweet Waters cannot be surpassed anywhere.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are used in the manufacture throughout.

LARGE BOMBAY 'SODAS.'

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, free of Extra Charge, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

FOR COAST PORTS.—Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for packages and empties when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is,
DISPENSARY, HONGKONG,
And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

POTASH WATER.

LITHE WATER.

SARRAPHILA WATER.

TONIC WATER.

GINGER-ALE.

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for bottles that are dirty, or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,
229, Hongkong, China, and Manila.

FIRE AT THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

THE Upper Floors of our Stanley Street Warehouse were DESTROYED by FIRE EARLY THIS MORNING.

The DAMAGE will not materially interfere with our local business.

The SODA WATER FACTORY and PLANT are intact and the Manufacture of AERATED WATERS commenced at 7 o'clock THIS MORNING as usual.

The DISPENSARY and GENERAL STORE have not been affected by the fire, and BUSINESS will be transacted as usual.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
Hongkong, May 19, 1890.

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The publication of this issue commences at 11.30 a.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 26, 1890.

TELEGRAMS.

(From Singapore Papers.)

MR. STANLEY AND THE PRESS.

London, May 16.—Mr. Stanley, when receiving the freedom of the City at the Guildhall, caused English journals, which he said was the sole obstacle to England taking over and settling the Congo and East Africa.

PARLIAMENT.

London, 16th May.—The Local Taxation Bill, containing clauses empowering the County Councils to negotiate the withdrawal of publican's licences and to compensate the holders, has been passed in the House of Commons by a majority of seventy-three.

LOSS OF A STEAMER.

Saturday, 19th May.—The steamer *Duc de la Dordogne* reefed on the 16th inst. and sank. The passengers and crew have arrived at Suez.

The *Dedalus*, a well-known steamer in Red Sea navigation, and is provided with a good light.

MR. STANLEY.

Mr. H. M. Stanley is engaged to marry Miss Dorothy Tenant, artist, in July. [Miss Tenant is best known as a worker in black and white, chiefly for illustration of books and magazines. Some very pretty specimens of her work may be seen in recent numbers of the *English Illustrated Magazine*, as, for instance, in *Thames-side sketches*.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.**PASSED SUIT CANAL.**

OUTWARD BOUND.—*Balcarce Brook*, April 11; *Pembroke*, 13; *Hightail*, 18; *Talence*, May 2; *Praga*, 6; *Prometheus*, *Pathan*, 9; *Natal*, 13; *Denbighshire*, *Crown of Aragon*, *Ulysses*, 16; *Orfa*, 16.

HOMEWARD BOUND.—*Twan*, March 25; *Wesmar*, 28; *Merionethshire*, April 18; *Lydia*, 22; *Carmarthenshire*, *Glenaray*, *Pokin*, *Stonor*, 29; *Ajax*, *Medusa*, May 2; *Preston*, 6; *Sorardon*, 9; *Ulysses*, *Ninghau*, *Uretele*, *Mizapole*, 13; *Andachis*, *Mintshire*, 16.

The O. & O. Co.'s *a. a.* *Gaelic*, the *AMERICAN MAIL* of the 8th May, will leave Yokohama on Tuesday, May 27, at daylight and may be expected here on or about the 2nd June.

The Canadian Pacific *a. a.* *Batavia* left Vancouver for Japan, &c., on the 12th May.

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The O. & O. Co.'s *a. a.* *Mendaus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 19th May, and may be expected here on or about the 25th May.

The O. & O. Co.'s *a. a.* *Kutzing*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 20th May, and may be expected here on or about the 26th May.

The N. G. I. s.s. *Bisagno* left Singapore on the 24th May, and may be expected here on or about the 31st May.

The P. & O. Co.'s *steamship Theron* left Singapore on the 26th May, and may be expected here on or about the 1st June.

The P. & O. Co.'s *Shanghai* left London for Bombay and this port on the 6th May.

The P. & O. Co.'s *Angora* left Nagasaki for this port at 6.30 p.m. on the 21st May.

The P. & O. Co.'s *Azores* left Nagasaki for this port on the 23rd May.

The following Regulation made by the Governor in Council, is published in Saturday's *Gazette*:—Hawkers are permitted to use or utter cries or make other noises for the purpose of buying or selling their goods or of attracting attention to their trade or wares in all parts of the City of Victoria, except in or to the South of Bonham Road and Caize Road and to the East of a boundary running down Shing-Wong-Street as far as Hollywood Road, along Hollywood Road to Lyndhurst Terrace, down Lyndhurst Terrace to Pottinger Street, down Pottinger Street to Praya: and except to the West of Murray Brackets and the line of the Tramway.

The following minute, made by Major-General Bevan Edwards prior to his departure from Hongkong, appears in the General Orders of the 22nd May:—In relinquishing the command of His Majesty's troops in China, His Excellency Major-General J. Bevan Edwards, O.B., desires to express his appreciation of the support he has received from all ranks especially in regard to the arrangements which have recently been carried out for the defence of Hongkong. The Mobilization Scheme, which gives effect to these arrangements, would have failed to produce such excellent results, in so short a period, if it had not received the cordial co-operation of all concerned. The Major-General regrets that circumstances have obliged him to resign his command, but in bidding farewell to the troops he assures them that he will always take the greatest interest in their future welfare.

The Japanese Government, it is said, have declined to sanction the holding of the proposed "Beauty Show" in Tokyo.

The Agent of the O. & O. S. S. Co. informs us that the *a. a.* *Gaelic*, with mails &c., from San Francisco to the 8th instant, arrived at Yokohama yesterday, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

The French Official Gazette contains a decree approving of a convention of 15 years' duration, providing for the connection of the Chinese telegraph lines with the Tonkin lines.

The explanation given by the Under-Secretary of State and the Minister of Marine, in the Chamber of Deputies by a large majority approved of the action of the French Government in Dahomey.

It is noticed in the *Gazette* that Mr. W. Chatham, Executive Engineer in the Public Works Department, arrived in the Colony on the 22nd inst. and assumed the duties of his office.

It is noticed in the *Gazette* that His Excellency the Acting Governor, acting on instructions by the Secretary of State, has been pleased to appoint, provisionally, Mr. F. A. Cooper to be Resident Engineer in the Water and Drainage Department.

Last month the weather in Deli proved highly favourable, rains following upon the hot weather of the previous month. On two estates high among the hills cutting tobacco has already taken a start, but such an early beginning is exceptional. The rain has changed the state of health for the better. The cattle disease which has broken out makes no headway so far.

The *Japan Times*, No. 1, 1890, has reported that the *a. a.* *Gaelic*, with mails &c., from San Francisco to the 8th instant, arrived at Yokohama yesterday, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

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